

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday April 16, 2015
Time	8:00am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, East Building, Copper Room
Members Present	Pat Berckman, Chris Crowder, Matthew Davies, Anthony Johnson, Spencer Larsen, Judge James Michie, Van Nguyen, Troy Rawlings, James Toledo for Shirlee Silversmith, Pam Vickrey, Debbie Whitlock
Members Excused	Gini Highfield, Scott Jackson, Rachael Skidmore
Members Absent	Patrick Garcia, Nindy Le, Brent Platt
Staff	Toni Gray, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen, Jennifer Valencia Visitors: Dawn Marie Rubio, Emily Wetherley
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	<p>Spencer Larsen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Debbie Whitlock made the motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Chris Crowder seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Spencer introduced and welcomed new board member, Matthew Davies, who replaces Jim Marchel. Introductions were made around the table.</p> <p>Pam Vickrey expressed interest in becoming a member of the CJJ Executive Board. Cuong inquired of the Board if any other members are interested. No one else expressed interest. Pat Berckman made a motion to approve Pam Vickrey as a representative of UBJJ to the CJJ Executive Board. Judge Michie seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Judge Michie offered to write an endorsement letter for Pam. The UBJJ Board and CCJJ will draft letters of endorsement as well. Cuong will email a template to those interested.</p>
Agenda Item	DtWT Committee Report (tape 16:00)
Notes	<p>Van reported that we have the top 13 selected and thanked Board members as well as VIP judges for doing the hard work of choosing the winners. The awards luncheon will be next Friday, April 24th at the West Jordan Library, Viridian Event Center. The following volunteered to greet guests Pat Berckman, James Toledo and Chris Crowder. Volunteers are asked to be there at 11:00am. The following volunteered to help at the end: Pat Berckman, James Toledo, Chris Crowder, Matt Davies and Debbie Whitlock.</p> <p>The scholarship amounts have been increased this year: \$750 for the two national finalists, \$500 for the two runners' up and \$300 for the remaining top 9 state's finalists. The Beesley and Wheeler foundations made these scholarships and the luncheon possible. In addition, the top boy and top girl per school are invited as honorees. All students will receive a t-shirt, iPod, and DtWT pen as token of appreciation for their work.</p>
Agenda Item	DMC Subcommittee Report (tape 16:00)
Notes	<p>Van reported that pilot training for the DMC curriculum is going very well, and recently trained Salt Lake, Jordan and Granite school districts. On May 19th, the DMC Subcommittee will meet with the working group to discuss expanding to schools in Utah county. Work to expand in Weber County is underway. Jerry Oler and Martin Nish lead the effort to expand in their respective jurisdictions. The DMC report at the CCJJ annual meeting went well and they are supportive of DMC's work. A Representative from Cache county has shown an interest in our DMC work and has initiated communication. Training for Trainers will start with Salt Lake, Jordan, and Granite School Districts in June. District wide training is planned for August, 2015 before the school year starts. We will also be presenting to the Salt Lake County mayor and his cabinet at their June meeting. The University of Utah College of Law has also expressed interest and DMC will be part of their "Summit" in October. Cuong is scheduled to be a panelist.</p>
Agenda Item	Legislative Report: HB 348 (tape 18:00)
Notes	Jennifer reviewed policy changes to the following from HB 348:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclassification of certain misdemeanor traffic offenses • Changes in penalties for distribution of controlled substances • Sentencing Guidelines (revise current guidelines to implement CCJJ recommendations regarding reduction of recidivism) • Community Supervision (DOC) to establish a case action plan for every offender • Graduated Sanctions and Incentives (SC will establish a system of graduated sanctions and incentives for offenders on probation or parole) Also directives for DOC, the courts, and Board of Pardons • Earned Compliance Credits - DOC to establish a program allowing offenders on probation or parole to earn time credits for compliance with the terms of probation or parole • Supervision Standards – Requires DOC to establish supervision standards based on results of a risk & needs assessment in addition to other criteria • Offenders in Prison – Requires BOP to grant credit for time served in jail awaiting a probation revocation hearing, to grant credit for time served in jail as a sanction for a probation violation, and establish an earned time program that reduces the period of incarceration for offenders who successfully complete specified programs • Treatment – Clarifies that the duties for the Div. of Substance Abuse & Mental Health include individuals involved in the criminal justice system, establish standards and certification • Drug Court – Directs Judicial Council to develop rules prescribing eligibility requirements for drug courts • County Incentive Grant – Directs CCJJ to establish a grant program that allocates funds to county programs that reduce recidivism • Oversight and Accountability – Requires CCJJ to study and evaluate programs initiated by state and local agencies to reduce recidivism • Jail Reimbursement Hold Harmless – Provides that funds appropriated for jail reimbursement remaining after all jail reimbursement payments are made shall be distributed to counties to compensate counties for housing probationers and parolees who are incarcerated for short jail stays due to probation or parole violations • Driver License Suspension for Controlled Substance Convictions – Driver License Div. may not impose an otherwise mandatory license suspension for a controlled substance conviction if the defendant is participating in a substance abuse treatment program • Other Legislative Committee and Floor Amendments <p>The full document is available on www.sentencing.utah.gov. Doreen Weyland from CCJJ will be the JRI Implementation Coordinator.</p>
Agenda Item	SB 167 Implementation Support (Juvenile Offender Amendments) (tape 1:05)
Notes	<p>This bill makes changes to statutes regarding minors and courts and adds a specific list of previous offenses and conditions to the statute that allows for the direct filing of charges in district court; adds a new option to the serious youth offender statute; creates guidelines for housing a minor convicted in district court in a juvenile secure facility; requires that the court determine that a minor is knowingly and intentionally waiving counsel; and sets a presumption that juveniles are not to be shackled when appearing in court unless ordered by the court.</p> <p>Pam Vickrey expressed thanks to Jennifer Valencia for all her help and work on this issue. Cuong and Pam are working on how to conduct outreach to individual counties and make sure they understand the research and the intent of the bill. The new director of Voices for Utah Children is interested in working with UBJJ to provide education and support for implementation, and raise awareness. The Board discussed what role UBJJ should take on this subject. Pat Berckman made the motion to form a small work group to develop a strategy for moving forward with education about the new legislation. Judge Michie seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The intent is to educate the targeted audience about the new law and why it is valuable. Targeted audiences include county councils, Utah Bar, prosecutor offices and public juvenile defenders. Pam expressed that the National Juvenile Defenders Center and Campaign for Fair Sentencing in Youth organizations might be interested to help. The following volunteered to serve on the work group: Pam Vickrey, Pat Berckman, Spencer Larsen, Dawn Marie Rubio, Cuong Nguyen, and Troy Rawlings volunteered a person from his office, Ryan Perkins.</p>

Agenda Item	Legislative Process and Involvement
Notes	This item tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled from 8:00 am to 9:30 am, Thursday, May 21, 2015, Utah State Capitol Complex, East Building, Copper Room.

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